



AETC Family,

As Airmen and their families all around Air Education and Training Command pause to celebrate, Teresa and I wish each of you a joyous and safe holiday season.

Many of us are blessed to be with our family and friends this time of the year, but I ask you to remember the sacrifices our deployed Air Force and sister service members are making for our great nation. I encourage you to reach out to each other, especially to those members or families who may be quietly struggling through the holidays. We are not only part of a fantastic team, but also part of a great Air Force family and, as Wingmen, we take care of each other.

The holidays afford more opportunities to relax with friends and family, watch some sports, or take care of some long lost projects at the house. Whatever you decide to do, do so with safety and care. The best weapons and technology in the world are nothing without the No. 1 resource behind it -- you.

Again, Teresa and I wish each of you a safe and wondrous holiday and a new year full of rich blessings.

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